



## Hosting Volunteer

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### About the role

As a Hosting Volunteer you'll be working with the rest of the hosting team to create a warm, welcoming environment for our guests. By serving our guests a free, delicious meal and sharing in conversation, you'll be helping to reduce hunger and loneliness in your community. You'll be supported by a FoodCycle Project Leader, who will help you to develop your hosting skills.

You don't need to have any previous experience – you just need to get stuck in!

### About FoodCycle

Week in, week out we nourish the hungry and lonely in our communities with delicious meals and great conversation, using food which would otherwise go to waste.

#### FoodCycle aims to:

- Connect communities
- Support mental health and wellbeing
- Nourish the hungry
- Promote sustainability
- Inspire change

A FoodCycle Project is where the magic happens. Each Project is run on the ground by a team of lead volunteers called Project Leaders, who ensure the smooth running of their FoodCycle Project. Project Leaders are passionate, committed and want to make a positive change within their community. They take ownership and make decisions about the day-to-day running of their Project.

### Skills you'll learn

- ✓ **Teamwork:** you'll work as part of a team to prep the venue, serve a delicious meal, and clear up afterwards.
- ✓ **Relationship building:** you'll build lasting relationships with guests, ensuring they come back each week.
- ✓ **Hosting:** you'll support front of house duties, serving food and demonstrating good customer service skills.

### What to expect from FoodCycle

- ✓ Ongoing support and advice from a FoodCycle Project Leader.
- ✓ Expenses, including mileage, covered in line with our volunteer policy.
- ✓ Free online training modules, including first aid awareness and food allergens.
- ✓ The opportunity to take on additional tasks/responsibilities.
- ✓ Impressive skills to add to your CV and a reference if/when you need it.
- ✓ The opportunity to meet a large network of like-minded people.
- ✓ A fun, creative volunteer experience within a community-led Project.
- ✓ We are an [equal opportunity organisation](#) and welcome volunteers with diverse abilities.

## What's expected from me

- ✓ Have bags of enthusiasm!
- ✓ Follow all FoodCycle policies and procedures – including the [volunteer agreement](#).
- ✓ Follow all training you receive when registering with us.
- ✓ Support FoodCycle to fulfil its mission of nourishing communities with food and conversation.

*Please note: you must not be barred from working with children and adults who may be vulnerable and at risk of abuse or neglect.*

## Time commitment

Give as much as you feel! It's easy to volunteer with FoodCycle and we don't look for minimum commitments, but we love it if you keep coming back! An average hosting slot is 4 hours.

## To apply

Register to volunteer here <https://volunteer.foodcycle.org.uk/volunteer-sign-up> then sign up to a slot online.

## Safeguarding statement

Safeguarding is everyone's business – FoodCycle is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare / wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk. It expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

